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**Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council Sponsors Free Piccolo Spoleto Preview Concert**

**CHARLESTON, S.C.**—The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council present a Piccolo Preview Concert, Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 4 p.m., at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 3871 Betsy Kerrison Parkway on Johns Island to herald the approach of the upcoming 2009 Piccolo Spoleto Festival celebrating its 31st season this year. The admission free concert will serve up a sampling of highlights and themes from this year's Piccolo Spoleto Spotlight Concert Series.

The program features internationally acclaimed Pianist Joseph Rakers performing music by Scriabin and Rachmaninov; Debussy *Sonata* for Flute, Viola and Harp featuring Charleston Symphony Orchestra principal players, Jessica Hull-Dambaugh, Jan-Marie Joyce and Kathleen Wilson. The final work on the program is contemporary music for bassoon and piano showcasing Chris Sales, bassoon and Ghadi Shayban, piano, also principal players in the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

The concert is free and open to the public. For complimentary tickets, please call (843) 768-9166. Tickets may also be picked up at the Town of Kiawah Island office located at 21 Beachwalker Dr., Kiawah Island or at the Gaillard Municipal Auditorium at 77 Calhoun St., located in downtown Charleston.

Tickets to regular season Piccolo Spoleto programs, May 22 to June 7, may be purchased by calling the Piccolo Spoleto ticket hotline at 888-374-2656, or online at [www.TicketMaster.com](http://www.TicketMaster.com). Tickets may also be purchased at the Piccolo Spoleto box office, located in the Gaillard Municipal Auditorium at 77 Calhoun St., with no service charges, or at area Publix Super Markets. For a ticket brochure and information on Piccolo Spoleto, call the Office of Cultural Affairs at (843) 724-7305 or visit [www.PiccoloSpoleto.com](http://www.PiccoloSpoleto.com).

Produced and directed by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs since 1979, Piccolo Spoleto is the official outreach program of Spoleto Festival USA. Piccolo's mission is to provide access to the Spoleto Festival USA experience for everyone, regardless of their economic, social or physical circumstances and to provide the opportunity for excellent local and regional artists, writers and performers to be showcased in the Piccolo Spoleto Festival venues. Piccolo Spoleto receives support from the City of Charleston, County of Charleston, South Carolina Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Title sponsors of the Piccolo Spoleto Festival are Publix and Publix Super Markets Charities.

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